

Remarks

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0161867 of *Cochran et al.* ("Cochran").

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 21 is not anticipated by *Cochran* because *Cochran* does not disclose a node that loads a configuration applet from a configuration server via a web page as claimed in claim 21. Instead, *Cochran* discloses a computing device 14 that loads a device configuration assembly 12 from program storage. (*Cochran*, paragraphs 31 and 34). *Cochran* does not teach that the device configuration assembly 12 is loaded via a web page as claimed in new claim 21.

Instead, Figure 1 of *Cochran* shows the device configuration assembly 12 connected to the computing device 14 via an unlabeled arrow and states that

The device configuration assembly 12 may be a device configuration program, which is disposed on a memory device or media (e.g., a disk) or it may comprise one or more remote devices or programs communicatively coupled to the computing device 14. (*Cochran*, paragraph 31). Therefore, it is submitted that *Cochran* teaches loading a device configuration program from program storage to the computing device 14 rather than from a configuration server using a web page as claimed in new claim 21.

The examiner has stated that the teaching in paragraph 31 of *Cochran* that the device configuration assembly 12 "may comprise one or more remote devices or programs communicatively coupled to the computing device 14" anticipates loading a configuration applet into a node via a web page as claimed in claim 21. (page 5, Office Action, 7-26-05). It is respectfully submitted that a remote program communicatively coupled to the computing device 14 as taught by *Cochran* does not

anticipate loading a configuration applet into a node via a web page as claimed in claim 21 because a remote program as taught by *Cochran* executes on a remote device from the computing device 14 and communicates with the computing device 14 whereas a configuration applet as claimed in claim 21 is loaded into a node via a web page and then run on the node locally. Moreover, *Cochran* explicitly states that

the device configuration assembly 12 may operate independently from any computing device, such as the computing device 14...

(*Cochran*, paragraph 38).

The examiner has stated that paragraph 38 of *Cochran* teaches identifying and configuring devices via a web page. (page 5, Office Action, 7-26-05). The examiner specifically cited the following portion of paragraph 38.

As discussed above, the device configuration system 10, which may include both the device configuration assembly 12 and remote device configuration assemblies 92 and 94, may include a variety of circuitry, software, computing hardware, and various local and remote systems and assemblies to facilitate the identification and configuration of computing devices remote from the computing device 14.

(*Cochran*, paragraph 38). As can easily be seen, this section of *Cochran* cited by the examiner does not disclose a web page. Similarly, the remainder of paragraph 38 and paragraphs 37, 39, and 40 of *Cochran* do not disclose a web page much less a web page that enables a node to load and run a configuration applet as claimed in claim 21.

Given that claims 22-28 depend from new claim 21, it is submitted that claims 22-28 are not anticipated by *Cochran*.

It is also submitted that claim 29 is not anticipated by *Cochran*. Claim 29 is a method for configuring a network device that includes limitations

similar to the limitations of claim 21 including generating a web page that enables access to a configuration applet via a network and loading the configuration applet via the network by accessing the web page. Therefore, the remarks stated above with respect to claim 21 and *Cochran* also apply to claim 29.

Given that claims 30-36 depend from claim 29, it is submitted that claims 30-36 are not anticipated by *Cochran*.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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